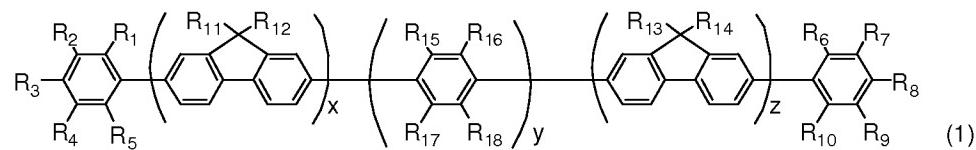
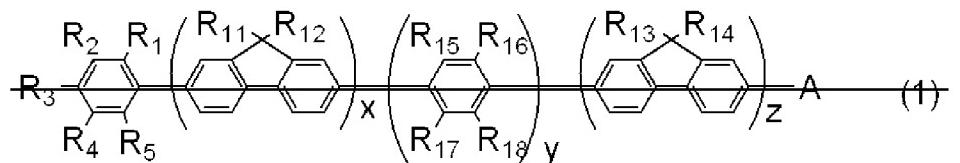


(b) Amendments to the Specification

Please substitute the Abstract on pages 127-128 with the following replacement Abstract. A clean copy of the amended Abstract follows the marked-up Abstract.

Provided is a novel An organic compound that can be suitably used suitable as a compound for an organic EL device. The compound is represented by general formula (1):



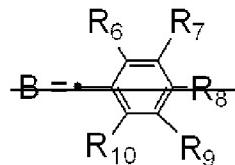
wherein

x, y and z are integer values from 0 to 3 with $x + z \geq 1$;

R_3 , $\underline{R_8}$, R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{17} , and R_{18} are hydrogen or a linear or branched alkyl;

R_1 , R_2 , R_4 , and R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_9 , and R_{10} are hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl, or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl with at least one being a substituted or unsubstituted aryl;

~~A is hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl, or group B.~~



(wherein R6, R7, R8, R9, and R10 are hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl, or a substituted

~~or unsubstituted aryl); and~~

R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, and R₁₄ are hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl, or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl; and

each CH on the benzene ring may be replaced by nitrogen.